

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 798

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Tom Strate on his receipt of the Boy Scouts of America's Silver Beaver Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Tom Strate, who was recently honored with the Silver Beaver Award by the Great Smoky Mountain Council of the Boy Scouts of America for his outstanding leadership and service; and

WHEREAS, the Silver Beaver Award is the council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America; recipients of this prestigious award are registered adult leaders who have made an impact on the lives of youth by implementing the Scouting program and performing community service through hard work, self-sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Strate has been involved in Scouting for forty-nine years, nine years as a youth and forty years as an adult; he currently serves on the executive board of the Great Smoky Mountain Council; and

WHEREAS, as a member of Troop 91, Tom Strate earned the God and Country Award and joined the Eagle Court of Honor; upon his college graduation in 1979, he returned to Morristown and became an adult volunteer with the Boy Scouts; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Strate's commitment to Scouting includes serving as a unit leader in Pack and Troop 91 and as an advancement coordinator; he has also served on the Eagle Board of Review and as District Friends of Scouting Chair and as District Chair; and

WHEREAS, a leader in his community, Mr. Strate is the president of Strate Insurance Group and has served on the boards of the Morristown Area Chamber of Commerce, Hamblen County United Way, Rose Center Council of the Arts, Young Life, and First United Methodist Church Council; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Strate is deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Tom Strate is grateful for the love and support he shares with his wife, Kelle, and his two children, Katherine and Claire; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Strate epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Tom Strate for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate Tom Strate upon his receipt of the Boy Scouts of America's Silver Beaver Award, thank him for his meritorious service to his community and the State of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.